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In response to the severe weather that has affected Congressional District, I have reached out to the Federal

[Click here to visit The National Weather Service's Website](#)

To Report a Power Outage: PECO customers may call 1-800-841-4141 .

You may also want to use [Storm PECO's Website](#) to learn more about the

Before a storm hits or an outage occurs, it's good to be prepared...

- Keep PECO's emergency telephone number, 1-800-841-4141, handy with other emergency numbers.
- Have a flashlight with fresh batteries on each floor of your home.
- Avoid using candles; a battery-operated lantern would be a better bet. If using candles, never leave them unattended.
- Have a battery-powered clock.
- Have a supply of bottled water and easy-to-prepare, non-perishable foods available for extended outages.
- Have sensitive electronic appliances, like microwave ovens, televisions and computers, protected from lightning.

When a storm hits or an outage occurs, stay safe and informed...

- Tune into news broadcasts and take cover, if necessary.
- If outside, be watchful for trees and downed power lines, especially in the dark and report emergency.
- If power lines fall on your vehicle while in it, stay in the car until emergency personnel can assist.

What to do when the lights go out - Key steps to take...

- Check the fuse or circuit breaker box to see if a fuse tripped inside the home.
- Check with the neighbors to see if their power is out.
- Call PECO at 1-800-841-4141 as soon as possible. Remember, call volume can become very busy.
- Be sure to request a customer service representative if you can describe damage that has occurred.
- Once the cause of the outage is known, PECO will do our best to provide you with updates on power restoration.
- Turn off and unplug most appliances to prevent an electrical overload when power is restored, and
- Keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed as much as possible. Resist the urge to frequently check on them.
- Dry ice, available at some retail stores, can be used to preserve frozen foods for longer than 24 hours.
- PECO will not supply dry ice during weather-related events, so that the company can focus its resources on power restoration.

The Federal Emergency [Management Agency \(FEMA\)](#) has also developed a page of resources for

As local governments set up resources to help their constituents handle the problems that may result from

- Municipalities in Delaware County:
<http://www.co.delaware.pa.us/towns/index.html>
- Municipalities in Chester County:
<http://dsf.chesco.org/chesco/cwp/view.asp?A=1492&Q=606007>
- Municipalities in Montgomery County
<http://www2.montcopa.org/commerce/cwp/view.asp?a=1512&q=51864>

You might also consider contacting your County Emergency Management Coordinator, who is responsible for

- Chester County
Director Edward J. Atkins
601 Westtown Road , Suite 12
West Chester, PA 19380
Office Phone: (610) 344-5000
Fax: (610) 344-5050
eatkins@chesco.org

- Delaware County
Director Edwin J. Truitt
360 North Middletown Road
Lima, PA 19063
Office Phone: (610) 565-8700
Fax: (610) 892-9583
delcom1@icdc.com
Delaware County Emergency Services Department

- Montgomery County
Director of Public Safety Thomas M. Sullivan
50 Eagleville Road
Eagleville, PA 19403
Office Phone: (610) 631-6530
Fax: (610) 631-6536
tsulliva@montcopa.org

The Eastern Office of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) might also be able to

- PEMA Eastern Area Office
Hamburg Center
Hamburg, PA 19526
Business: 610 562-3003
800 Number: 800 372-7362
Fax: 610 562-7222
E-mail: ra-easternregion@state.pa.us

As the summer continues, <http://www.fema.gov/prepared> please consider developing a family emergency plan with your loved ones. F